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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG, UN, SNAR

SUBJECT: UN ADMINISTRATION: DONAUPARK COMPLEX

REF: USUN 3511

1. WE OF COURSE RECOGNIZE THAT DRAWBACKS CAN BE CITED AGAINST MOVING ANY PARTICULAR UN SEGMENT TO DONAUPARK COMPLEX. BUT DRAWBACKS SEEM TO US TO BE OVER-RIDING IN THE CASE OF THE DRUG UNITS.

2. BY WAY OF A GENERAL COMMENT WE WOULD NOTE THAT THESE UNITS ARE ENGAGED IN OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES WHICH THE USG REGARDS AS HIGH PRIORITY AND WHICH WE HAVE FOSTERED AND LARGELY FINANCED. DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING THIS WHOLE SHOW ON THE ROAD ARE EVEN NOW NOT ENTIRELY RESOLVED, ALTHOUGH THE DRUG UNITS, WORKING TOGETHER, HAVE ACHIEVED NOTABLE SUCESS. MOVING THEM TO VIENNA WOULD INEVITABLY INTERRUPT MOMENTUM AND SET BACK WHOLE PROGRAM, AT A TIME WHEN DRUG ABUSE ON THE INCREASE WORLD-WIDE.

3. DAVIDSON INDICATES POSSIBILITY OF MOVING DRUG ACTIVITIES EXCEPT FOR UN NARCOTICS LABORATORY. THIS NOT FEASIBLE. THE DRUG UNITS ARE PARTS OF INTEGRATED WHOLE. TO WORK
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EFFECTIVELY THEY MUST NECESSARILY COLLABORATE ON A

CONTINUING BASIS. TO DO THIS, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THEY BE LOCATED IN SAME PLACE. THE LABORATORY'S RESEARCH AND TRAINING OPERATIONS PROVIDE TECHNICAL BASE FOR WHOLE OF INTEGRATED EFFORTS.

4. THE LABORATORY HAS UNIQUE SPACE REQUIREMENTS. IT MUST BE LOCATED ON TOP FLOOR, AS IT IS HERE, BECAUSE OF HAZARDS FROM NOXIOUS FUMES AND SECURITY FACTORS RELATED TO STORAGE OF NARCOTICS AND OTHER DRUGS. BUT EVEN IF SUCH SPACE WERE AVAILABLE AT DONAUPARK, TO DISMANTLE AND MOVE LABORATORY WOULD BE COSTLY, I.E., IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$1 MILLION. THERE WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL COSTS INVOLVED IN RECONVERTING PRESENT LABORATORY SPACE TO REGULAR OFFICES. WE NEED TO KEEP IN MIND ALSO THAT RIBBON HAS NOT YET EVEN BEEN CUT FOR OPENING OF NEWLY EXTENDED LABORATORY PREMISES HERE. THIS EXTENSION, NEEDED TO EXPEDITE ESSENTIAL WORK ON CODEINE RESEARCH PROGRAM TO WHICH USG ATTACHES SPECIAL IMPORTANCE, WAS CONSTRUCTED AT COST OF \$250,000 FOR OUR TAGGED CONTRIBUTION.

5. IN VIEW FACTORS MENTIONED ABOVE, WE URGE THAT ALL DRUG UNITS BE MAINTAINED IN GENEVA. CATTO

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